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Mr. Orlando Owens of the Joseph Project spoke at the Republican Women for Greater Milwaukee Coffee Klatch in honor of Black History Month.

Dear Friends:

Today in honor of Black History Month, I was able to attend the Republican Women for Greater Milwaukee Coffee Klatch event to hear Mr. Orlando Owens of the Joseph Project. I previously toured the Joseph Project and learned about the good work they do helping people, so I was excited to hear him speak.

The Joseph Project is a faith-based jobs initiative to connect people with jobs. Participants go through a weeklong life skills training program and are offered a chance to interview with companies looking to hire. The project started as a constituent service offered through the office of U.S. Senator Ron Johnson. While traveling the state, Senator Johnson found that many manufacturers' number one concern was not having enough workers. However, when Senator Johnson visited central city neighborhoods, the problem was not enough jobs. Johnson staffers worked with Pastor Jerome Smith of Greater Praise Church of God in Christ to identify people ready for a life change based on their attitude and determination.

Once a month, a new group of participants attends free weeklong sessions at the church. The classes, taught by volunteers, cover topics such as teamwork, time management, financial management, conflict resolution and spiritual fitness. Participants who stay with it through the week all get a job interview with employers who are looking to hire.

Sincerely,

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